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Alice Yeh
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Re: **Monthly Progress Report No. 45**
Combined Sewer Overflow/Stormwater Outfall Investigation
Diamond Alkali Superfund Site (Lower Passaic River Study Area)

Dear Ms. Yeh:

Submitted herein is the Monthly Progress Report for work performed as part of the Combined Sewer Overflow/Stormwater Outfall Investigation for the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site (Lower Passaic River Study Area). This progress report has been prepared pursuant to Section IX Paragraph 53 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Occidental Chemical Corporation, Index No. CERCLA-02-2011-2016.

If you have any questions, please call me at 732.246.5920.

Sincerely,



Brian Mikucki
Project Scientist
On behalf of Occidental Chemical Corporation
(as successor to Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company)

Enclosures

Cc: Carol E. Dinkins, Vinson & Elkins

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COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW/STORMWATER OUTFALL INVESTIGATION
DIAMOND ALKALI SUPERFUND SITE (LOWER PASSAIC RIVER STUDY AREA)
WORK PERIOD: JUNE 2015**

Actions Taken Towards Achieving Compliance with the Order

- As requested by USEPA, Tierra held a webinar meeting with USEPA on June 30th to provide a summary of the following two Phase I reports:
 - Phase I Evaluation/Recommendation Report
 - Data Quality Usability and Assessment Report

USEPA and Other Information/Correspondence Received

- None during this reporting period.

Sampling or Testing Results Received or Generated During the Course of Implementing the Work

- None during this reporting period.

Future Plans, Actions and Data Scheduled for July and August 2015

- USEPA to provide comments to Tierra on the Phase I Evaluation/Recommendation Report, and Data Quality Usability Assessment Report (undefined)
- Meet with USEPA to discuss the CSO/SWO Investigation Phase I Evaluation/Recommendation Report (undefined)

Actual or Potential Violations, Other Problems Encountered and Corrective Actions

- None during this reporting period.

Delays Encountered or Anticipated and Mitigation Actions

- None during this reporting period.